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## Court Watching:

### Christopher Willoughby bound over on 13 charges from Sumpter

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At 34th District Court on June 27, Christopher Michael Willoughby, 44, of Allen Park was bound over to circuit court on 13 charges after he allegedly shot at Sumpter Township officers during a wild chase.

He is set to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice at 9 a.m. July 18 for his arraignment on the information.

Willoughby was arrested June 11 in Sumpter after a car chase and him allegedly taking five shots at the pursuing officers.

He is charged with:

- Assault with intent to murder;
- Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder;
- Assault with a dangerous weapon - felonious assault (2 counts);
- Fleeing & Eluding - 3rd degree;
- Operating while intoxicated-3rd;
- Weapons - carrying concealed (3 counts);
- Possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle (2 counts);
- Possession of a firearm while intoxicated; and
- Felony firearm.

He is being held in the Wayne County Jail on \$1 million cash or surety bond. His probable cause conference was scheduled for June 27 and that's when he waived his upcoming preliminary exam. His bond has been referred to pre-trial services for a bond review.

#### James Edward Brown

James Edward Brown, 52, who was brought into District Court Judge David Parrott's courtroom in jail clothes had charges dismissed from two jurisdictions -- Van Buren Township and Romulus -- at the request of the Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor. Charges could be refiled at a

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34th District Court Judge David Parrott, standing left, presided over last Thursday's Memorial Ceremony to Honor Civil War Soldiers from the tri-community who died in the war. Besides announcing all the speakers, Judge Parrott also held a colorful umbrella over all the speakers to protect them from the bright sunlight in the 89-degree afternoon. Speaking here is Debbie Juriga who told about Henry Lewis, the only local Civil War soldier to earn the Medal of Honor. He is buried in Soop Cemetery in Van Buren Township with a special marker.

## Civil War service draws supporters in 89° heat

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The metal chairs were very hot on the people's seats and the sun beat down on the people's heads last Thursday, but they were not to be deterred from honoring the 26 men from the tri-community who died during the Civil War.

The Memorial Ceremony to Honor Civil War Soldiers from Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren was held at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville with the audience mostly on chairs set up

on High Street and a large cast of presenters in front of the memorial.

The information being presented was gathered by the Bring Our Boys Home Research Group that has been working for several years at the Belleville Area District Library with a grant from the Charles B Cozadd Rotary Foundation.

Ginger Bruder, who led the research group, said gathering the information, which included reading over more than 100 books, applying for government records, and traveling to study documents, took longer than the Civil War.

The group honored 25 Civil War casualties from the tri-community and their names have been engraved on the lake side of the Veterans Memorial.

Henry Lewis earned a Medal of Honor and

a special marker was put at his gravesite in Soop Cemetery in Van Buren Township.

More than a dozen people were dressed as Civil War personalities and they walked among members of the audience to introduce themselves and tell their stories.

The Belleville Community Chorus sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and, at the end of the ceremony, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Local residents who are descended from Civil War soldiers were introduced.

Ginger Bruder began her personal study of the Civil War because she had soldiers in her family from Ohio. Her husband Keith had Civil War soldiers in his family from Monroe County. She said she saw the importance of collecting information on

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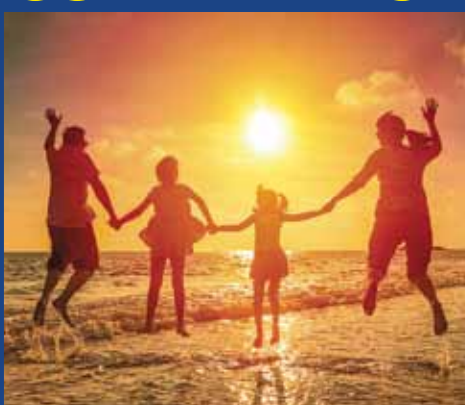
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## Yankee Air Museum's C-47 repainted by Kalitta crew in Oscoda

Like a freshly brushed thoroughbred prancing from its stable on a warm summer day, Yankee Air Museum's C-47 rolled out of Kalitta Maintenance Hangar 3, last Friday in its fresh livery.

The plane, with its proud stance and nose pointed skyward, was greeted by Museum volunteers and Kalitta workers in Oscoda. Over the preceding three weeks the plane was stripped of its former paint, prepared and painted in new colors honoring the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Commando Group of World War Two, operating in the China-Burma-India (CBI) theater.

"Being closely involved from the start, picking colors from two-inch square paint chips and then actually seeing the first applications on the plane was a bit unsettling," said Kevin Walsh, Executive Director of Yankee Air Museum.

"I don't mind saying I was nervous coming here today, it's kind of like picking up a date for the prom."

Walsh spent countless hours over the past year researching the planes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Commando Group. He said the task of looking at artists' renderings, historic photos and videos dating back to the early 1940s was arduous, but necessary.

According to Walsh, many of the planes serving in the CBI were painted in the field. "There were slight variations in color tones, both in the planes and the photos

with which we worked," he said.

"When the plane rolled onto the ramp under the bright sun, my heart leaped. They nailed it. The colors mixed by Sherwin-Williams Aerospace Coatings are spot-on," said Walsh.

The top of the plane is painted Earth Brown No. 5 color, the bottom is Neutral Gray and the major markings are Insignia Blue and Insignia White. The most distinctive feature of the plane are the five diagonal white stripes around the fuselage behind the wing. Combat aircraft operating in the CBI wore these stripes for quick identification in battle.

"I really like it," said Fernando Hernandez, Technical Service Representative with Sherwin-Williams Aerospace Coatings. "The plane looks really strong. It has great presence on the ground and in the air."

The plane flew three test hops at Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport prior to departing for its home base at Willow Run Airport late Friday afternoon.

"We enjoyed working on the C-47," said Greg Ruby, Structures Manager at Kalitta Maintenance. "It was something different for us, and it was interesting. I think everyone at Kalitta Maintenance, even security, kept an eye on the progress of the project."

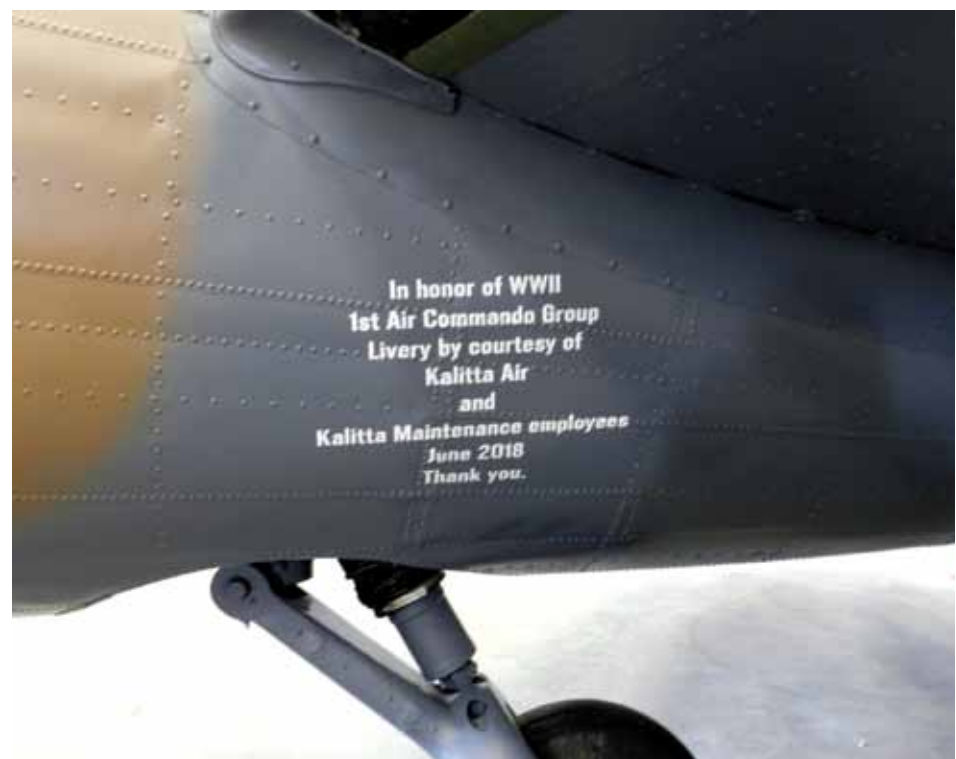
Walsh said the next steps would be for the plane to receive technical markings and

squadron insignias. The C-47 will be seen in the sky over its home base in Ypsilanti in the days ahead, with pilots flying for their annual requalification.

"The plane is begging for nose art," added Walsh. "We have a plan for that which we will reveal very soon. Until then, remember -- the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Commando Squadron Insignia

is a large question mark within a circle!"

Kalitta Air, a worldwide leader in specialized, on-demand air freight services, and Yankee Air Museum jointly announced this historic restoration project in November 2017. Work began on the airplane on June 8, 2018 and the plane was delivered on June 29 in its new livery.



Photos courtesy Dave Callanan

# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Primary election vital, especially in Sumpter Township

This is not the usual year for a township election, but in Sumpter there were two deaths of township officials and shuffling around of duties, so we ended up with three appointments that need to be voted on. The winners will serve until 2020.

We need voters to approve a clerk, a treasurer, and a trustee. There are 12 people running for these positions -- and all but two are Democrats.

Sumpter Township's primary election is vital, since everyone on the township board is a Democrat and probably that will continue.

So, in August, whichever three win the primary election in the Democratic listing will be on the ballot in November, pretty much without opposition. So, as in the past, if you win in August, you'll win in November.

Of course, this year we have one Republican and one unaffiliated candidate that will be on the ballot for trustee in November, so that could crash the Democrat who wins the trustee position in August. Sumpter Township voters cast the most votes for Donald Trump in the last Presidential election, so Sumpter voters may surprise us all with their votes this year.

All of this is to say, the primary ballots are out and our information on Sumpter primary candidates will be published in next week's paper. We hope township residents will make their choices with care.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The new Rosie the Riveter Florabunda Rose bushes are at the memorial garden at the Belleville Area Museum NOT the Belleville Area District Library as I announced in this space last week. Sorry.

The Rosie the Riveters' Lunch Box Drill Team that was in the Thanksgiving Day parade was to be the only unit marching from Michigan in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C. They practiced their moves at the Yankee Air Museum on Sunday afternoon in preparation for the parade.

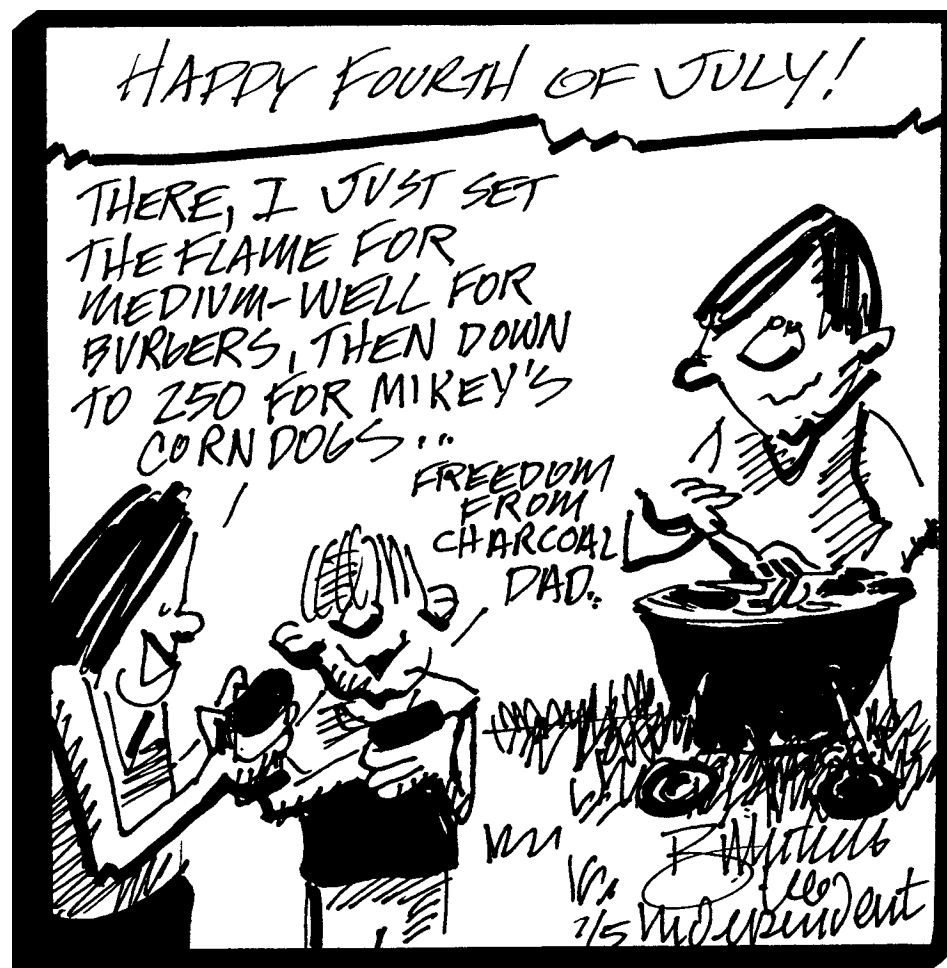
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The Memorial Ceremony to Honor Civil War Soldiers from the tri-community who died during the war was very well attended, although a lot of people moved their chairs from the hot asphalt of High Street to the trees they could find around the memorial.

The temperature was about 89 degrees and the sun was very hot, even though it was almost 6 p.m. by the time everything got started. I was fortunate to sit next to Fred Priebe who offered me shade under his big, black umbrella. Worked great.

Fred and his wife Bonnie, of Van Buren Township, have been portraying President Abraham Lincoln and his wife for many years. Actually, he looks incredibly like President Lincoln. But, he was not portraying Lincoln at this event and his suit was in the cleaners. His wife Bonnie was in the hospital and after the Civil War ceremony, Fred and his daughter were going back to see Bonnie.

Fred has been studying Lincoln for many years and so he kept bending over to tell me extra information about the Civil War as the ceremony continued. I learned a lot.



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We received a letter, signed only by "Disgusted Veteran" who said he did not like Belleville City Manager Diana Kollmeyer's suggestion to call the police if you hear fireworks going off in the city. He said state law allows consumer fireworks on the day before, the day of, and the day after a holiday. He said people shouldn't be denied the right to celebrate our country's independence for fear of the police being called.

What City Manager Kollmeyer was referring to was the setbacks from buildings required for fireworks. Since the city has small lots there's pretty much no place a person can legally set off fireworks, according to city officials. They say it's a safety concern.

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A Belleville resident who lives near the end of High Street toward West Huron River Drive called me to say he can hardly see the lake because the brush has grown up and the view is almost completely blocked. He said the city got the brush trimmed down near the main part of Horizon Park, but not on his end of the street.

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We got a tip from a reader that Michael Beaudrie of Sumpter had been beaten up and killed at a restaurant in Browntown Township. Beaudrie started the first trash pickup in Sumpter, served on the fire department, and owned the Romulus

bowling alley and bar for a few years.

But, after checking, we found it was not Sumpter's Michael Beaudrie who died, but Michael Beaudrie of Battle Creek. It happened May 6 at the Champions Sports Bar on Sibley. When you Google the name, there are a lot of people named Michael Beaudrie. And, the man pictured on WXYZ-TV looked a lot like our Michael Beaudrie. But, our Michael Beaudrie is all right.

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A reader called on Friday to complain about the rest rooms at Horizon Park. She called them "gross" and "nasty" and asked, "Please, please, please" for the city to clean them. It looks like feces in one corner. She's embarrassed for her town.

She said when people come to Music Lakeside or dock their boats they use the rest rooms and there hasn't been soap in the fixture on the wall in ages and she was told people steal the soap. "It's a health hazard," she said. And, the sink is falling off the wall. And, the trash can outside the rest room has a broken lid.

She said when they get off their boat in Monroe, there is a restroom that is nothing special, but it is clean. And, that's important. She said she talked to Rick Rutherford about it, but nothing changed.

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## Letters

### Help stop the hazardous waste dumping

To the editor:

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The people here didn't have a chance to vote and we are against such crime. It was not mediatized and we didn't know anything about this until few days ago when the game was over and everything approved.

Such shame for the ones that approved this crime against us for not considering the impact this will create to the health of people living here and for treating us like lab rats for placing such hazardous waste right under our nose and think it will be just all right.

This is a RESIDENTIAL area! Bringing more hazardous waste to the already unwanted dumping facility that should be closed is a crime against people living here and the environment.

According to the internet research publicized by *The Detroit Free Press* ([freep.com](http://freep.com)) on Sept. 7, 2014 The facility faced more than dozens of violations in past years and fined more than \$471,000, a *Free Press* review of state and federal records show. Among the violations included leak in the protective liner and at least nine fires. This is a huge concern bringing more hazardous waste here when this facility should be already closed.

PLEASE HELP US STOP this radiation soil along with other hazardous waste being dumped here! Help us save lives and protect our environment!

Andra Anderson  
 Van Buren Township

### Will Clerk Wright be fall guy for VBT board?

To the editor and VBT voters:

I have lived in the Township of Belleville (which happens to be named Van Buren) most of my life.

Mr. Wright didn't ask the voters or the Post Office before he turned our lives upside down.

The Post Office is getting a lot of complaints from the surrounding communities, all because he stuck his nose in where it didn't belong.

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else and there is another VBT up north.

How much will all this cost us? Driver's License, credit cards, and checks all have different addresses.

Maybe next election we can turn his world upside down and vote him out.

Since the City of Belleville and Sumpter voters can't vote him out, it's up to the VBT voters to stop him.

It's also time to tell the elected officials to stop telling us what they think we need.

Donna Collins

Van Buren Township

P.S. Oh, by the way where does the township board stand on this? Did they know? Will he be their fall guy?

### Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

I want to Thank St. Jude for answering my prayers. Thank you for printing this prayer, so we can be blessed.

In prayers, S.J.

### Lincoln Schools board members recognized for MASB certification

Lincoln Consolidated School District Superintendent Sean R. McNatt acknowledges the accomplishments of two board members in their attainment of Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) certification.

Jennifer LaBombarbe is recognized for achieving the Award of Distinction which is awarded to an individual who has completed Levels 1 and 2 with a total of four advanced (200-300 Level) Certified Boardmember Award classes and a minimum of 208 education credits.

Thomas Rollins is recognized for the accomplishment of achieving Level 1 Certification. An individual is awarded Level 1 certification by completing all 100-Level Certified Boardmember Award classes.

"Mrs. LaBombarbe and Mr. Rollins are to be commended for having invested additional personal time to the betterment of Lincoln Consolidated Schools," stated Supt. McNatt. "Their continued dedication to the Lincoln community is demonstrated by their tireless efforts and endless support of our staff and students."

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# Court watching

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later date. He was freed from jail where he had been lodged on \$50,000 cash bond.

He was charged with three counts of criminal sexual conduct-2nd degree (person under 13); criminal sexual conduct-assault with intent to commit sexual penetration; accosting a child for immoral purposes; and aggravated indecent exposure, furnishing alcohol to a minor, along with a new charge of criminal sexual conduct. Most of the charges were from Jan. 1, 2013.

## John Phillip Fisher

John Phillip Fisher, 80, was due for his preliminary exam on June 27 before Judge Parrott, but that was adjourned because of a petition for a competency evaluation. He is charged with seven counts from Jan. 1, 2008 in Van Buren Township and was lodged in the Wayne County Jail on \$500,000/10% bond.

Fisher is charged with one count of criminal sexual conduct-1st degree (person under 13), two counts of CSC-2nd degree (person under 13), two counts of CSC-2nd degree (relationship), and two counts of CSC-4th degree (incest).

## Larry Joseph Guenther

Larry Joseph Guenther, 32, was set for his preliminary exam on a charge of home invasion-2nd in Van Buren Township on May 18, but there were six other cases for him to be arraigned on, all in a VBT apartment complex.

Court-appointed attorney David Lankford said at least five of the new cases happened on the same date.

Judge Parrott said he was starting over and he reset the cases to all be together for a 12:30 p.m. probable cause conference on July 11 and then a 9 a.m. preliminary exam on July 18. Guenther waived his right to an exam within 21 days to allow the consolidation.

He was out on a tether after paying bond of \$10,000/10% and Judge Parrott set \$1,000 personal recognizance bond on the other six charges.

## Richard G. McWhirter, III

Richard G. McWhirter, III, age 18, received a plea deal in which he pled guilty to two amended charges and his case was taken under advisement for a year under the Holmes Youthful Training Act (HYTA) program.

If all goes well over the year, the charges will be dismissed and wiped from his record. He was sentenced to pay \$845, spend four days on the court's work program, have evaluation and treatment for his problem, and no assaultive contact with the victim.

In exchange for dropping four charges against him, he pled guilty to two counts of aggravated assault. He told Judge Parrott that he assaulted the victim on June 11 with a rock and a knife in Van Buren Township.

The charges that were dropped were: one count of assault to do great bodily harm less than murder, two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, and one count

of domestic violence.

McWhirter's court-appointed attorney was Rebekah Coleman. He is free after posting bond of \$20,000/10%.

## James Anderson Coleman

James Anderson Coleman, 72, was due on June 6 for his preliminary exam on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and domestic violence in Sumpter Township on May 16, but he waived his exam by video from the Wayne County Jail.

Judge Parrott bound him over to circuit court for a June 13 arraignment on the information and referred him to pretrial services for a bond review, as requested by his court-appointed attorney. Coleman was lodged on \$15,000 cash bond.

At circuit court his bond was reduced to \$5,000/10% and a final conference in the case set for Aug. 3 and a jury trial Sept. 5.

## Robert John Bulmer

Judge Green set a restitution hearing on July 11 for Robert John Bulmer, 29, after accepting his no-contest plea to malicious destruction of property under \$1,000 and larceny less than \$200, with no fines or costs and 24 months of probation. This incident was in VBT on March 11.

The court's psychiatrist had found him competent, but not criminally responsible.

His family told the judge now that he has a team of health care professionals helping him, "It's like night and day."

Judge Green warned him: "Stay in treatment. Stay in your parents' house. Listen to the rules set up by them. If you

don't take your medication and follow the rules, I'll put you in jail."

## Jason Michael Ross

Jason Michael Ross, 41, was charged with possession of analogues and operating while intoxicated-2nd on Nov. 14, 2015 at Main and Third streets in the city of Belleville. He was able to get a plea bargain

# FAA releases final assessment: Sumpter Twp. to get noisier

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently released its final environmental assessment on the Cleveland/Detroit Metroplex project.

The project will replace conventional air traffic control procedures with satellite-based ones and will expand the number of entry and exit points in and out of the Cleveland/Detroit airspace.

Satellite procedures allow for more precise flight tracking and reduce workload. The new procedures began being phased in in June and will conclude in September. Once completed, some air route changes may occur, and people may notice aircraft in areas they previously did not fly.

The FAA's environmental analysis calculated noise at locations throughout the study area and concluded there would not be any significant noise increases under the National Environmental Policy Act.

The exception is Sumpter Township, southwest of Detroit Metro Airport, where 335 residents are expected to experience a

noise increase. Some areas may experience no change in noise while others may hear a decrease.

The FAA also conducted public meetings and evaluated public comments before issuing its final report. Before and after releasing an environmental draft in November, the FAA also held public workshops.

Residents can read the FAA's reports at public libraries and on the metroplex's website.

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## Obituaries



Vicky Lynn King

**VICKY L. KING**  
(November 20, 1950 - June 29, 2018)  
Vicky Lynn King, age 67, of Belleville, MI, passed away Friday, June 29, 2018 at her home, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born November 20, 1950 in Kentucky, daughter of Shelby & Joey (Allen) Collins. Vicky graduated high school in Kentucky, married Wayne, and they moved north to Michigan and started their family. She loved playing cards and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Mrs. King is survived by her devoted husband of nearly 49 years, Wayne King; daughter Pamela Talbot of Dearborn, MI; son Eddie King of Venice, FL; five grandchildren: Tara Talbot of Ann Arbor, MI, Tyler Talbot of Dearborn, MI, Emma King, Connor King, and Chelsea Smith, all of Florida; two great-grandchildren: Kolten and Clara, both of Florida; five siblings: Jean (Wallace) Prince of Kentucky, Irene (James) Nichols of Indiana, Erma Creager of Tennessee, Kathleen Boman of Ohio and Bill (Judy) Collins of Ohio; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, also two sisters Francis Thomas and Faye Cook. Visitation was Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, with a 1 PM Funeral Service. Interment was in Knollwood Memorial Cemetery, Canton, MI. Memorial contributions in Vicky's name may be made to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute at <https://www.karmanos.org/donations/?fund=memory>

## Motorcyclist killed in crash at S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.

At about 8:20 a.m. on Saturday, a motorcycle and a car collided in the middle of the intersection at Belleville Road and the I-94 Service Dr.

The motorcyclist, identified as Kenneth Pankey, 34, of Van Buren Township, was thrown from the motorcycle, suffering fatal injuries.

Police say the motorcycle was on Belleville Road traveling to I-94 and the car was turning on the North Service Drive.

Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright said the car and motorcycle were in the middle of the intersection as the light was changing. He said no fault has been determined and no ticket issued.

Belleville Road was closed down for several hours Saturday morning while the accident investigation proceeded.



Maxine Ann Smith

**MAXINE ANN SMITH**  
(September 30, 1952 - June 29, 2018)  
Mrs. Maxine Ann Smith passed away on June 29, 2018. She was born on September 30, 1952 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Eugene and Elizabeth (Kramer) Polando. On April 2, 1976 she was married to Gary A. Smith in Melvindale, moving to Belleville in August, 1985.

Maxine's lifelong career was that of an educator. She was an associate of SSJ-TOSF, an active member of both St. Aloysius and St. Anthony parishes and also volunteered at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Prior to her retirement she had been employed by several Catholic churches and Washtenaw Community College as an educator. She had also worked at Belle Villa Estates.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her loving husband Gary A. Smith. Cherished mother of Jonathan (Amy) Smith and Angela (Philip) Carman. Adored grandmother of Abigail, Alexandria, Nikolas, Anastasia, Vladimir, Alice and Aubrey. Cherished sister of Colin (Sherry) Polando, Laura Beedle, Gordon Polando and Ross Polando.

Maxine is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law Stephen Beedle.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734) 697-9400 from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. with the Rosary at 6:30 P.M. The funeral mass will be held on Friday, July 6, at 10:30 A.M. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia, Belleville, with Fr. John Kiselica officiating. Maxine will lie in state from 9:30 A.M. until 10:30 A.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions in Maxine's name be made to The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Development Department, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207 or the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

## FMAR looking for more teams for its July 14 benefit golf outing

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, the no-kill animal shelter based in Sumpter Township, needs more teams for its benefit golf outing on Saturday, July 14.

This ninth-annual golf outing will start at 9 a.m. at Green Oaks Golf Course, 1775 E. Clark Road, Ypsilanti. Proceeds go to FMAR.

Cost is \$240 per team (\$60 per person). The shot gun start is based on 25 teams. There will be hot dogs and chips at the turn, with dinner to follow.

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# Van Buren Township DDA approves issuing \$2 million in bonds

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

To help build its pedestrian walkway over I-94, Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority received a Michigan Department of Transportation grant of \$250,000 and \$250,000 more from the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, plus about \$300,000 in professional engineering from MDOT.

The DDA made a decision to sell tax free municipal bonds to assist with the rest of the cost.

At its regular meeting on June 26, the DDA unanimously approved a resolution to authorize issuance of Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, with a maximum amount of \$2 million.

Standard and Poor's affirmed an A+ rating.

Construction is expected to begin July 16 on the .35 mile, 14-foot-wide concrete, shared-use path and bridge widening with LED pedestrian lighting, approach work, and pavement markings on Belleville Road at I-94.

Tom Collis, an attorney with Miller Canfield, is handling the bond sale. He told the DDA the resolution to issue the bonds is 26 pages long.

He said the amount is not to exceed \$2 million, which is for the project cost and cost of issuance of the bonds. He said there is no full faith and credit of the township involved, and the DDA will pay the bond payments with tax-capture funds.

Collis said they are negotiating the sale with Hilltop Securities and the percentage rate will not be over 5%. He said the bonds will be priced July 10 and on July 26, the DDA will have the proceeds in hand.

DDA members said they have heard feedback from the community and many are in favor of the pedestrian walkway, but some complain it is too expensive. There has been one comment, asking the township to tear down the present walkway over I-94 at Quirk Road because people are partying on it in the night.

In other business at the June 26 meeting, the DDA:

- Approved receiving and filing the audit of the DDA fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2017;

- Was introduced to the DDA's new intern Melissa Kalnasy from Eastern Michigan University where she is in her last semester of pursuing a Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning;

- Learned demolition permits have been applied for and demolition is expected to start July 2 on the Belleville Road Placemaking project. The DDA engineer is completing the revised plans so they can be delivered to Wayne County engineering for its final review. Once approval is received from Wayne County, the plans will be presented to the planning commission for final site plan approval;

- Heard DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland report on the problems with the new roadway arms and tear drop fixtures that came in for the Belleville Road streetlight conversion to LED. When the subcontractor with DTE went out to convert the first 20 streetlamps, they discovered the arms would not fit the existing poles. Holophane determined what parts were needed to make the fix and the 20 that were taken were to begin installation on June 20 and the other 52 were to be shipped on June 20. There also was a problem with every other light not working and DTE sent out a crew to repair them. Also, the painting crew has begun painting the street lights;

- Learned two light poles have been hit by motorists and insurance claims have been filed;

- Heard Ireland explain the steps being taken to replace the solar panel, that wouldn't hold a charge, with electricity to run the Belleville/Ecorse Road irrigation system for the landscaping. S&L Electrical

Services has provided the cost to install and wire a meter can with an eight-space panel, run a two-inch PVC conduit approximately 200 feet from the electrical meter box with power cables to the Edison pole. This will provide 110 volt service for the irrigation system. They will be making application for a permit and once installed, DTE will finish the hook-up. They will look into what to do with the solar panel that will not hold a charge; and

- Heard a report from DDA assistant executive director Lisa Lothringer who reported on email outreach, social media,

the website update, publicity pieces and advertising, and plans for the public safety day at a location yet to be determined.

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# City of Romulus seeks voter approval of 4 mills for fire, police services

The City of Romulus will ask voters to approve a ballot proposal that would provide funding to maintain the current level of fire and police services in the community – and to avoid cuts in essential services.

The city council voted unanimously June 11 to place a proposed charter amendment on the Nov. 6 ballot. The proposal seeks 4 mills annually for a period of five years to be utilized strictly for fire and police services.

City officials said fire and police services

make up more than two-thirds of the city's general fund budget. Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff said public safety is a vital service that government provides. Failure to approve the millage increase would lead to cuts in funding for fire, police and other essential services.

"We're asking residents to invest in public safety," Mayor Burcroff said. "By law, the millage funds could only be used to help support fire and police services."

History has led to the current financial situation. When Romulus incorporated as a city in 1970, the city charter called for 10 mills to fund local government in what was largely then a farming community. When the full-time police department was formed in 1983, there was no increase in the millage rate. When the full-time fire department was formed in 1999, again, there was no increase in the millage rate.

While the number of city employees, firefighters and police officers has decreased, the demands on first responders have significantly increased.

Ten years ago, there were 30 firefighters

(15 full-time and 15 paid on call). Today, there are only 15 full-time and four part-time firefighters. Ten years ago, firefighters were responding to an average of eight calls per day. Today, crews average 14 calls per day, which is more than 5,000 per year.

There were 57 police officers in 2008-09 and there are 43 currently. Meanwhile, police runs increased from 17,064 in 2009 to 20,607 in 2017.

"We are talking about essential services here," Mayor Burcroff said. "These are must-have services. When you pick up a phone and dial 9-1-1, a professionally trained person shows up as soon as possible. That must be sustained. We have done a lot of creative things. We owe it to the residents to be part of the solution."

The Mayor said the city administration has been fiscally responsible, creating service partnerships with Detroit Metropolitan Airport and other agencies, using grant writers, seeking sponsors for special events and creating foundations.

"We are making good spending decisions," Mayor Burcroff said. "We are doing more with less. I stand by our record. We have been very responsible with tax dollars. We have done a good job."

The night of the city council vote to place the millage proposal on the ballot, a number of letters from people and organizations in the community were read to the council meeting audience.

Among those speaking at the meeting were Romulus Police Sgt. Labrit Jackson, Officer Byron Paisley and Officer Rodney Cofield, along with Romulus Fire Department Lt. John Thiede, who is president of International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4126. All four are Romulus residents and spoke about the importance of approving the millage proposal.

Anthony Antone, executive vice president of Kojaian Management Corp., a major industrial property owner in the city, submitted a letter that read in part: "Public safety is critical because it is one of the very first things which companies looking to relocate to Romulus deem as important."

The Board of Directors of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce asked the

council to approve the resolution and put it on the ballot. "Please allow our residents the right to vote on this issue," the chamber letter stated.

Romulus residents Dan and Carole Bales said in their letter: "Public safety is important to our property values and the quality of life for the residents of the community. The community leaders have demonstrated the need for the additional funds."

## Van Buren Township begins second year of summer youth jobs

The Van Buren Township summer youth job program, now in its second year, has selected 24 student interns, ages 14-18, for temporary jobs within the township's municipal sectors.

The program is called THE REAL, which stands for "Revealing Exceptionally Amazing Leaders."

Designed to provide interns with the opportunity to develop marketable skills in a real-work environment, THE REAL offers employment placements within three distinct roles: camp counselors in training, community ambassadors, and junior organizational assistants.

Throughout the program, interns will attend weekly career-training sessions, development lectures, and tours hosted by representatives from local businesses and major companies including DTE Energy – Natural Gas and Electric Utilities, Wayne County Airport Authority, Waste Management – Recycling and Landfills, U.S. Ecology – Environmental Services and the fire tech program at Schoolcraft College Academy Training Center.

Participation in the summer youth job program will give youth a chance to use their project-management and leadership skills in the cardboard boat building challenge, as well as attendance at the MHA Young Professionals Day at COBO Center in Detroit later this summer.

*From a news release sent by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority.*

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## Civil War

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these men.

She gathered together community members who had the same interest, formed a group that meets at the library and applied to the Rotary Club for a foundation grant, and the work began.

She said they are not done researching local soldiers in the Civil War and plan to update cemetery lists at all cemeteries in Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren.

The group also plans to present programs about the Civil War history of the tri-community at the library and Belleville Area Museum and to work with the schools. There also is a walking tour being planned of the downtown area Civil War sites.

Bruder also said a play or program on the Sultana is coming. The Sultana was a steamboat full of newly released Union

prisoners that sank after the Civil War in the Mississippi River, killing more people than those who died on the Titanic.

Those Civil War soldiers honored, with brief life stories being told, were: Henry Lewis, Seril T. Chilson, Seth C. Runyan, Jasper Burt, Roderick J. Biddle, George Martin, James Crysler, Cornell W. Crysler, DeForest Carpenter, Lewis B. Truesdell/Truesdale, Charles Bush, John Foster, James Sterling, Albert H. Tyler, Ira Austin, Joseph Davis, Vincent King, Charles Bucklin, Henry H. Mills, Robert H. McQuaid, William Brown, Lewis Spawn/Spaun, George E. Jewett, Hiram R. Hunt, Benjamin C. Seaman, and Reuben Corey/Cory.

Members of the Bring Our Boys Home group that researched the soldiers are: Ginger Bruder, Keith Bruder, Kathy Graham, Debbie Juriga, Pat Marshall, Lori Minthorn, Connie Reed, Virginia Truran, and Jim Wagner.

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The Belleville Area Women's Club recently awarded \$2,000 scholarships to these Belleville High School students, from left, Nina Hardy, Alexandria Long, Ashley Ordway, Erika Nofz, and Hannah Baynesan. At right is Pamela O'Neill, BAWC Scholarship chairwoman, who presented the awards. Also, Marisa Paponetti received \$2,000 for the Georgia Badgett scholarship, which is presented to a mature woman returning to school. Primary funding for the scholarship program is the annual fashion show and BAWC members thank the community for its support and contributions to the fashion show to make these scholarships available.



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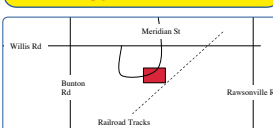
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Susan Clelland, R.N., of Belleville was among six registered nurses at Henry Ford Health System that were honored for their dedication to patients, the community, and the health system. At left is Veronica Hall, R.N., Henry Ford Health System chief nursing officer, and at right is president and CEO Wright Lassiter, III. The Clara Ford Nursing Excellence Award is presented in categories and Clelland won in the "Affordable, Efficient Care that Provides Value" category. Clelland is the Henry Ford Medical Group Ambulatory Care Manager of Nurse Renewal and Manager of My Care Advice Line.



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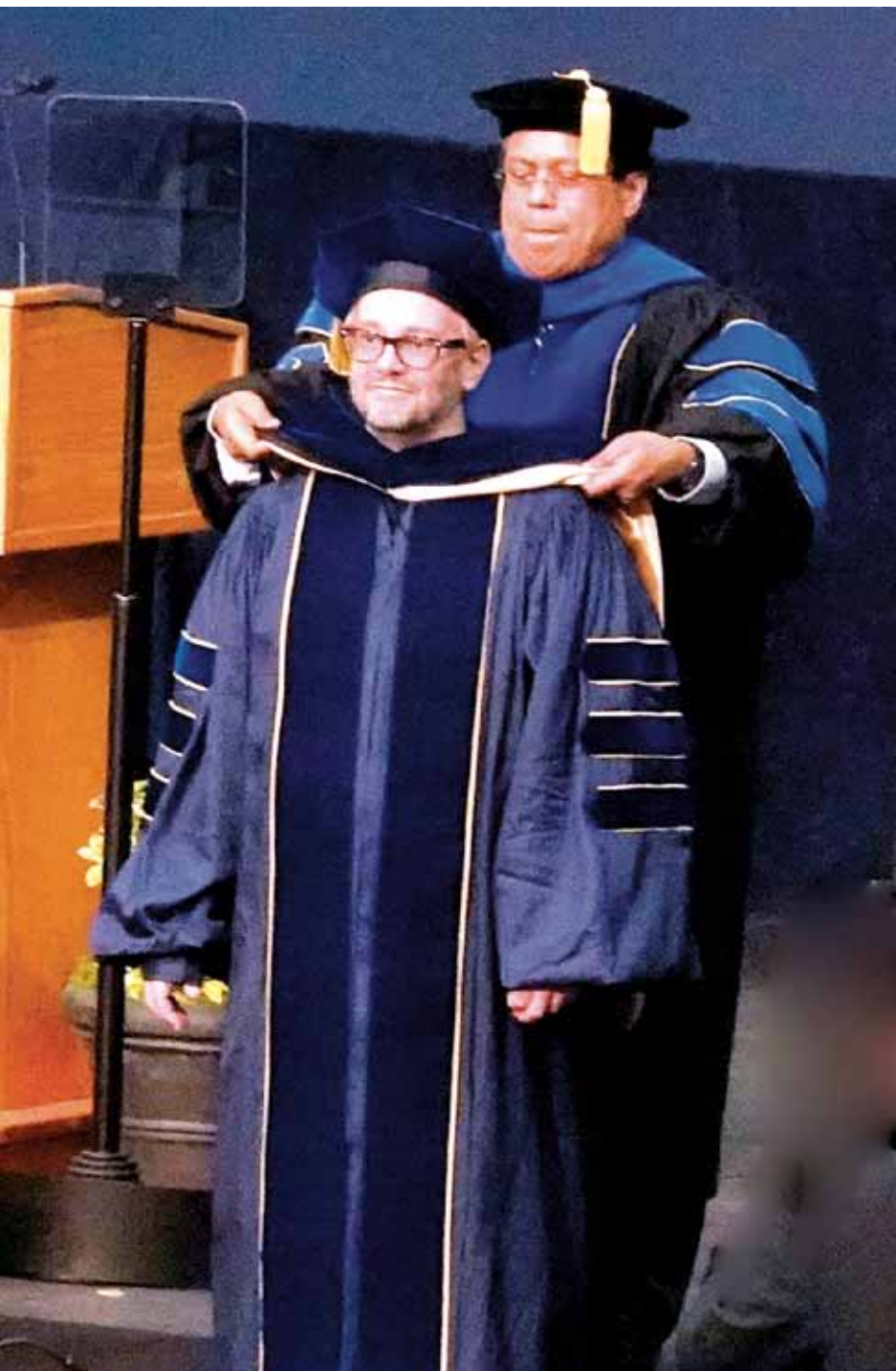
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Dr. Prasant Mohapatra, the University of California, Davis, Dean of Graduate Studies, places the hood on James Archsmith, conferring his PhD at recent commencement ceremonies. Archsmith, son of Belleville residents Richard and Phyllis Smith, completed a PhD in Economics at the University of California, Davis, after submitting his dissertation, "Impacts of Regulation and Benefits of Environmental Quality." He will be joining the faculty in Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Maryland, College Park, this fall.

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Ten original Rosie the Riveters attended the June 28 planting of rose bushes at the Belleville Area Museum.

## Museum plants special rose bushes in Rosie memorial garden

The Belleville Area Museum planted the first Rosie the Riveter Floribunda Rosebush garden in southeast Michigan on June 28.

Ten original Rosies and their families along with friends and tri-community leaders gathered for the planting ceremony. Those present included Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, Sumpter Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis, and Van Buren Township Trustee Sharry Frazier.

Also in attendance was American Rosie the Riveter Association President Donnaleen Lanktree, Michigan Chapter representative Jeannette Gutierrez, and Indiana Chapter President, Angie Timan-Morthland.

The Rosie the Riveters Lunch Box Drill Team from the Yankee Air Museum will appear in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

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Shane Convery of Van Buren Township is the market master for this summer's Belleville Farmers' Market being held from 4 to 7:30 p.m. each Monday in the Fourth Street Square. The Farmers' Market is sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community.

## Belleville woman sues alleging Salmonella from pre-cut fruit at VBT Walmart

Ashley Hollar of Belleville has filed a lawsuit against Walmart and Caito Foods after she said she contracted Salmonella by eating pre-cut watermelon she bought at the VBT Walmart.

She said she woke up on May 25 in severe pain and later tested positive for Salmonella. She was put on antibiotics, but then got sick again.

She had bought another container of watermelon, not realizing the connection to her illness, and ate some more.

Her problems were traced to the pre-cut

watermelon and she learned dozens across the country also had been infected with Salmonella, allegedly from Caito Foods of Indianapolis, which has recalled the melon.

The CDC said 60 people have been infected, with more than half of them in Michigan.

Hollar's attorney is Jory Lange, a national food safety attorney.

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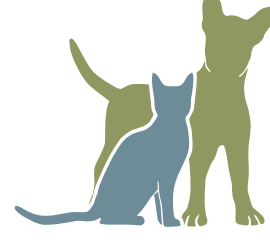


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# Tractor Supply Co. set to open newest store on Michigan Avenue

Tractor Supply Co., which has been supplying advertising inserts to readers of the *Belleville-Area Independent* for months, is expected to break ground in Canton Township in August for its newest store.

Tractor Supply will doing a major renovation of a building that formerly housed Livonia Magnetics, which has relocated to Livonia. The new Tractor Supply building is located on Michigan

Avenue between Sheldon and Morton Taylor roads.

Founded in 1938, Tractor Supply began as a mail order tractor parts business, but now has more than 1,700 stores. The company's customers include farmers, horse owners, pet owners, ranchers, part-time and hobby farmers and suburban and rural homeowners, as well as contractors and tradesmen, according to its website.



Retired Savage Elementary school teacher Ellie Grudzien shot a hole in one at Eagle Crest golf course on June 21.

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# Kiley Lafferty of Belleville spends summer in Thailand

This summer, Kiley Lafferty, 20, of Belleville spent two weeks in Thailand helping animals and learning what it's like to be a veterinarian.

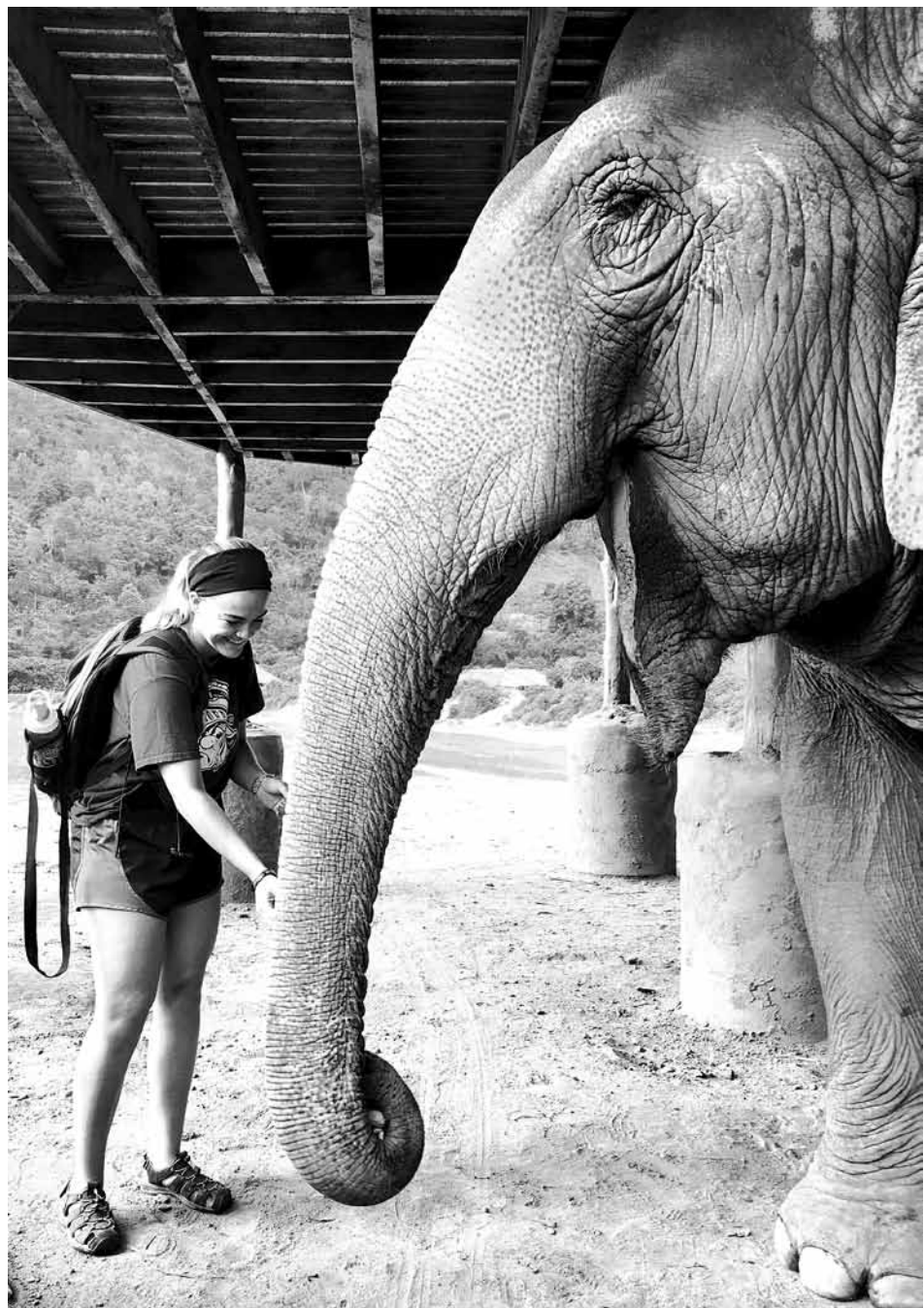
Traveling with study-abroad organization Loop Abroad, Kiley was selected as part of a small team that volunteered giving care at a dog shelter and spent a week working directly with rescued elephants at an elephant sanctuary.

The Veterinary Service program brings students to Thailand for two weeks to volunteer alongside veterinarians from the U.S. and Thailand. For one week, Kiley and her team volunteered at the Elephant Nature Park in northern Thailand to work hands-on with the giant animals and learn

about animal rescue and conservation on a larger scale.

The Elephant Nature Park is home to over 60 elephants who have been rescued from trekking, logging, or forced-breeding programs. Many of them had been abused and suffer from chronic injuries or blindness.

At the Elephant Nature Park, they are cared for by volunteers from all over the world. Kiley helped to feed and care for elephants, as well as learn about their diagnoses alongside an elephant vet. The Elephant Nature Park is also home to over 1,000 animals, including cats, dogs, water buffalo, horses, and cows, and is sustained in huge part by the work of weekly



Kiley Lafferty

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volunteers like Kiley.

For the other week, Kiley volunteered at the Animal Rescue Kingdom dog shelter and helped to run Loop Abroad's Dog Rescue Clinic in Chiang Mai, Thailand. These shelters are home to more than 200 dogs who have been rescued after being abandoned, beaten, or abused. While the dogs can be adopted, any who aren't will be cared for by the shelters for their whole lives.

While she studied under the veterinarians leading her group, Kiley and her team made a difference in the lives of these dogs. By providing check ups and cleanings, diagnosing and treating ear and eye problems, taking and testing blood, administering vaccines, cleaning and treating wounds, and helping with sterilization surgeries, the students were able to help support the health and well-being of these dogs.

By following a study abroad model instead of a voluntourism model, Loop focuses on educating its students so that they can contribute and serve in meaningful ways. It also works with locally run animal welfare organizations so that students contribute to long-term improvement on the ground in the countries they visit. With programs

in Thailand, South Africa, and Australia, Loop Abroad is able to support animal welfare and conservation around the world because of its students and their dedication to helping animals in need.

The program's Managing Director Jane Stine said, "Our students are some of the most amazing people I have ever met. They are kind, compassionate, dedicated, hard-working individuals who have big goals and want to make a big impact. It's amazing to see how eager they are to learn and challenge themselves. Over the last nine years, we've seen them go on to do some wonderful things."

Loop Abroad has animal science, marine biology, and veterinary programs for students and young adults age 14 to 30, and offers financial aid and fundraising help. Programs range from two weeks in summer to a full semester board, and college credit through Iowa Wesleyan University is available. For more information see [www.LoopAbroad.com](http://www.LoopAbroad.com).

Of her trip, Kiley said, "Thailand is a beautiful place with amazing people. This experience changed my life. I'm so grateful for the knowledge I have gained."

Kiley is a senior at Michigan State University, majoring in Animal Science.



# Sumpter cable channel expected to be down until after election

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Most of the June 26 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees was taken up with arguments between board members.

It started during the Board Response part of the meeting, where board members can have their say about anything.

Trustee Sheena Barnes asked Supervisor John Morgan when cable channel 12 will be back up and running and showing the township meetings and Supervisor Morgan asked his deputy Karen Armatis to respond. Armatis said the current equipment was 15 years old and the board voted April 24 to get new equipment. She said it was a mechanical problem and not "an unelected person who doesn't live in the township" making a decision, referring to Trustee Barnes' comments about Armatis at the last meeting.

Armatis said 90% of the product will be here the second week of July. The cable has been down since January and Armatis said it could take two to three months for installation.

Trustee Barnes said that would be after the primary election and Armatis nodded.

Treasurer Peggy Morgan said she has been talking with the company involved and if the equipment comes in by the second week of July, the work itself will take two days. Treasurer Morgan said the old system had many complaints, but the last time she saw it, it could still be watched and she was told that Armatis said she shut it down.

Armatis said, "We shut it down because it stopped operating."

Treasurer Morgan said the first medical marijuana committee meeting was shown and then the next board meeting was shown and then it was gone. She said Armatis didn't say the machine broke.

Treasurer Morgan said the residents didn't get to see any of the medical marijuana discussions because the township's cable was shut down.

"Two days for the work!" she stated.

On another topic, Treasurer Morgan said Trustee Matthew Oddy had asked her several questions at the last meeting and claimed she made a personal attack on him.

Treasurer Morgan said she was unaware that any board members were bidding on the tax reverted property last fall. She said she has every piece of paper given out to the board on the property.

She said Trustee Oddy said he checked with attorney Rob Young and it was legal for him to enter a sealed bid even though he was on the board.

"The only problem I had was ... the reason he gave for him wanting to abstain [from the board vote to approve the sales]," Treasurer Morgan said. She said he explained he was abstaining because he took people around to look at the properties.

"I said I had bid on property," Trustee Oddy replied. "You're making stuff up..."

"I feel our residents need to know," Treasurer Morgan said. "The supervisor said I'm a trouble maker. ... It came from his mouth."

"Thank you, John Morgan, for putting Sheena Barnes on the board. She tells the truth. ... We're not getting all the information," Treasurer Morgan said.

Treasurer Morgan said that is not what Trustee Oddy said and he's not being a good board member.

"I hope some board [in the future] stops this stuff," she said.

"Ask if she's done with her lies. ..." Trustee Oddy said to Supervisor Morgan.

An irritated Deputy Armatis said, "I think members of the audience should stop talking." Armatis has been called out repeatedly by members of the audience for talking with others in the back of the room while the meeting was in progress. Now she was targeting audience members for responding to the board members' arguing.

"That's why he said, 'I'm your neighbor' to Sheena," Treasurer Morgan continued, describing a night after a township meeting when she and Barnes ran in to Oddy at McShane's and Oddy bragged about buying the property. She said they didn't know he was one of the bidders.

"There were no names attached on the information," Treasurer Morgan said, of the results she got after the bids were opened.

"This has nothing to do with this election," Treasurer Morgan continued. "I

don't personally know Ken Bednard [who is challenging her for her seat]. Me and Ken only met when he was on the medical marijuana committee."

She said when the hands were raised at the committee meeting there were 55-60 in the audience in favor of opting into the new marijuana law and 10 against it.

"I don't have a personal problem with Ken," Treasurer Morgan said.

"I'm going to say what is truthful and honest," she concluded.

Trustee Oddy then asked attorney Young to give his views on the situation and Young said there was no conflict of interest.

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"You announced you bid on the property and you abstained from the vote," Young said to Oddy. "Mr. Oddy asked me what the ethics were and I told him township elected officials and everybody gets to bid on the property. They've been doing it for the 30 years I've been here. The highest bidder gets the property. They're using sealed bids."

"I advised he abstain on all three votes. That was my recommendation," Young said, referring to the three properties he bid on under the name First Step.

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Trustee Oddy said he noted in the meeting that he bid on the property. He said he and Treasurer Morgan and attorney Rob Young and Deputy Armatis were in the restaurant when they discussed the matter.

Treasurer Morgan said they left, referring to Young and Armatis, who left together.

"Please hold your tongue," Trustee Oddy said in a loud voice to Treasurer Morgan, with his hand shaking. "I did it properly! Whatever your personal issues are, I hope you get over it."

Trustee Barnes said Trustee Oddy said he had abstained because he walked people around to the parcels.

"I apologize," Trustee Barnes said. "Karen Armatis and Rob Young left the building after we came in... They weren't there when you told us about the property you bought."

"I paid for wings [for Trustee Barnes] and the pizza you had [referring to Treasurer Morgan]," Trustee Oddy said.

"I didn't have pizza," Treasurer Morgan said.

Attorney Young said they went to McShane's to support a new business that had just opened and didn't stay very long.

"Someone is trying to disparage me,"

Trustee Oddy said. "I just don't understand what your issue is."

"I did not know you bid," Treasurer Morgan said. She said the video of the meeting shows he did not announce he had bid.

"Say it! Bring the video in!" Trustee Oddy said with his hand shaking and his voice loud.

Supervisor Morgan then stopped the confrontation and the meeting continued.

In other business at the June 26 meeting, the board:

- Approved amendments to the June 12 meeting minutes because Trustee Oddy wanted a detailed report added of what he said to defend himself at that meeting. Also, motion #9 was deleted because there was no report to approve;

- Approved allowing the family of the late Craig Moody to plant a tree in his memory at Banotai Park on July 14, with board members chipping in to pay the \$50 fee for the rental of pavilion #4 from noon to dusk for the family to use. Moody was former deputy supervisor;

- Approved the resignation of Daniel Montecinos from the fire department, with regrets. His letter of resignation said, "Sorry I can't stay. There is just too much going on in my life right now and the responsibility of being a fireman is too great...";

- Heard a presentation, during the work/study session, from the Senior Alliance;

- Heard Finance Director Scott Holtz report that on June 19 the township received its annual actuarial valuation from MERS. As of Dec. 31, Sumpter's MERS DB Plan is 77% funded. The township has an unfunded pension liability of \$2,205,658, which is based on a rate of return of 7.75%. He said, to give them reference, on Dec. 31, 2016, the DB plan was 74% funded and had an unfunded liability of \$2,470,064. Holtz said currently the township is paying an

additional \$24,670 per month towards this liability. He said Public Act 2020 of 2017 gives municipalities guidance on paying down the unfunded pension liability. Per this state mandate, the township cannot pay more than 10% of the governmental fund revenues toward this liability and the pension must be 60% funded. "I am happy to report that we fall well within this range," he said. He also reported that on June 24, Gov. Snyder signed PA 207 which allocates \$6.2 million in revenue sharing for 2018-19, giving Sumpter an extra 3.5%, which amounts to \$7,754;

- Learned landfill royalty fund revenues are down 7.8% for the year ended March 31, 2018, compared to the previous fiscal year. Sumpter has had seven down months in the last 13 months. The actual revenue for FY 2018 was \$2,759,868.53;

- Heard Trustee Don Swinson report that Family Fun Day will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on July 14 at Graham Park with a water slide. He also reported that the township received another parks grant of \$11,000 from the county and this is the second recent grant of \$11,000. More work will be done at Graham Park, he said. Resolution #2018-10, which was not on the agenda, was passed to confirm the grant;

- Heard Clerk Esther Hurst announce the Monday, July 9, 4 p.m. deadline for registration for the primary election. She said absentee ballots would be available on June 29;

- Heard Mary Ban say many residents contacted her about the cable two to two and a half years ago. She said people were tired of Comcast. The board finally decided to do something about it and the technology has to be updated. She also read aloud part of an article by Patrick Kennedy from the June 15 *Wall Street Journal* concerning a bill introduced federally to legalize

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

#### NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 17, 2018.

Leon Wright  
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: July 1, 2018

Publish: July 5, 2018  
July 12, 2018

## Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

### REQUEST FOR SUBCONTRACTOR BIDS

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This project is a new 31,401 SF ground up, 2-story library in downtown Belleville. Site Construction is currently underway.

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Refer to instructions to bidders regarding: All bids are due on Wednesday, 07/25/2018 @ 1:00 PM and will be opened publicly at this time. Bids are required to be in a sealed envelope delivered to: Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111

An optional bid walk-through on Tuesday, 07/10/2018 @ 2:00 PM will be held at the existing Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111

Publish: July 5, 2018; July 12, 2018



## Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter will be holding their monthly pet adoption clinic on Saturday, July 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Petco Pet Store on West Warren Avenue across from Westland Mall. Call (734) 481-9458. There's also pet obedience classes going on at the shelter all summer long. Call for class details.

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Music Lakeside concerts continue on Thursday, July 5, with Bob Wurst (country), from 7 to 9 pm. at Horizon Park along High Street. Admission is free. In case of rain the concert will be moved across the street to the Belleville First United Methodist Church.

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Belleville High School boys' golf program will be holding a 3-day golf clinic on Aug. 14-15 and on Aug. 17 at the Harbour Club Golf Course. The free clinic is for all boys in grades 7 through 12 who live in the Van Buren School District. For clinic times call BHS assistant coach Williams at (734) 612-1657.

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The Thunder Over Michigan Air Show Aug. 25-26 at Willow Run Airport has been nominated for USA Today's 10 Best Reader's Choice Airshows in the country and voting is open now until July 23. Readers can vote once per day at the USA Today website. A winner will be announced on Aug. 3. This year's Yankee Air Museum's air show will feature the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. Visit [www.yankeeairmuseum.org](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org) and click on the links.

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The 24-hour Sunoco station at Bemis and Sumpter Roads has added new products and specials this holiday week, such as packaged sandwiches, live bait and tackle, roll-your-own tobacco and accessories, and lower prices on other grocery items, quart motor oil and much more. Be sure to grab any sized coffee to go for just 99 cents. Call (734) 697-2024.

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## Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, July 10 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 11 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 12 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

### Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority Annual Report - Calendar 2017

Filed with:

Local Audit and Finance Division  
Michigan Department of Treasury  
P.O. Box 30728  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-8228

#### A. Revenue:

|                                                   | Plan 1       |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Captured Taxes                                    | \$ 1,315,842 |
| Interest income                                   | 65,144       |
| Local Community Stabilization Share Appropriation | 10,598       |
| Bond Sales Proceeds                               | -            |
| Bond Sale Premium                                 | -            |
| Total revenues                                    | 1,391,584    |

#### B. Bond reserve

532,880

#### C. Expenditures

|                                        |                  |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Administrative:                        |                  |
| Director Wages                         | 78,330           |
| Employee Wages - Administrative        | 66,071           |
| Employee Wages - Maintenance           | 24,633           |
| Fringe Benefits                        | 63,090           |
| Office Supplies                        | 601              |
| Fringe Benefits - Retiree/cobra        | 165,003          |
| Operating Supplies                     | 5,284            |
| Auditing/Accounting                    | 5,495            |
| Parcel Maintenance Fee                 | 17,176           |
| Membership & Dues                      | 29,921           |
| Secretary                              | -                |
| Engineering                            | 4,176            |
| Consultant                             | 1,156            |
| Public Relations                       | 34,587           |
| Transportation                         | 1,125            |
| Training                               | 2,785            |
| Printing & Publishing                  | 17,242           |
| Insurance                              | 4,200            |
| Workers Compensation Insurance         | 664              |
| Utilities                              | 58,638           |
| Other                                  | 27,701           |
| Legal Fees                             | 9,016            |
| Bank Charges/Bond Handling Fees        | 3,220            |
| Infrastructure improvements and other: |                  |
| Capital outlay                         | 7,335            |
| Traffic Signalization                  | -                |
| Belleville/Ecorse Intersection         | -                |
| Placemaking Site Development           | 5,000            |
| Placemaking Construction               | 125,031          |
| Pedestrian Bridge                      | 3,500            |
| Amenities fund                         | 6,302            |
| Sidewalks                              | (5,750)          |
| Belleville Streetscape                 | 4,748            |
| Belleville Rd. Right of Way            | 74,156           |
| Streetscape Maintenance                | 46,184           |
| Belleville Road Placemaking            | -                |
| Property Acquisition                   | 334,397          |
| Landscape Design Services              | -                |
|                                        | <b>1,221,020</b> |
| Debt service:                          |                  |
| Interest                               | 214,538          |
| Principal                              | 310,000          |
| Total expenditures                     | 1,745,558        |

#### D. Outstanding bonded indebtedness (Plan 1)

|                                  | Principal | 2.00-4.00%<br>Interest |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 2012 Tax Increment Revenue Bonds |           |                        |
| 10/1/2018                        | 205,000   | 133,425                |
| 10/1/2019                        | 215,000   | 127,275                |
| 10/1/2020                        | 220,000   | 120,825                |
| 10/1/2021                        | 225,000   | 114,225                |
| 10/1/2022                        | 230,000   | 107,475                |
| 10/1/2023                        | 240,000   | 100,575                |

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## Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, July 5** – Red Cross Blood Drive, 12-6 p.m., Belleville Masonic Temple. Appointments can be made at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 800 REDCROSS.
- **Thursday, July 5** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Today the live music is by Bob Wurst. Free.
- **Sunday, July 8** – Free Sunday Music and Car Show, 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van

Buren Township. Music today by Albert Muniz Band. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824.

• **Monday, July 9** – First day of Vacation Bible School at Belleville Freewill Baptist Church, 750 E. Huron River Drive, 6:30-8:30 p.m., ages 3 through sixth grade. Runs July 9-13.

• **Monday, July 9** – Farmer's Market in the Fourth Street Square, 4-7:30 p.m. Also, car show on Main Street, 5-9 p.m.

• **Thursday, July 12** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Today the live music is by Kielbasa Kings. Free.

• **Saturday, July 14** – Ninth-annual Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue Golf

Outing starts at 9 a.m. at Green Oaks Golf Course, 1775 E. Clark Rd., Ypsilanti, \$60 per person. Includes hot dogs and chips at turn with dinner to follow. Info: Kathi, (734) 635-9141.

• **Sunday, July 15** – St. Anthony Men's Club Golf Outing, 8 a.m., at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 Lotz Rd., Canton. Entry fee, \$70 per golfer. Info: (734) 788-3266; [twisniewski@demmer.com](mailto:twisniewski@demmer.com) or [Tedw6262@comcast.net](mailto:Tedw6262@comcast.net)

• **Sunday, July 15** – Free Sunday Music and Car Show, 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by 18 Strings. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734)

223-4824.

• **Monday, July 16** – Farmer's Market in the Fourth Street Square, 4-7:30 p.m. Also, car show on Main Street, 5-9 p.m.

• **Thursday, July 19** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Today the live music is by Yellow Room Gang. Free.

• **Saturday, July 21** – Red Cross Blood Drive, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Van Buren Eagles. Appointments can be made at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 800 REDCROSS.

• **Sunday, July 22** – Free Sunday Music and Car Show, 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by Southern Xpress. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824.

• **Monday, July 23** – Farmer's Market in the Fourth Street Square, 4-7:30 p.m. Also, car show on Main Street, 5-9 p.m.

• **Thursday, July 16** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Today the live music is by Robert Jones/Matt Witroba. Free.

• **Monday, July 23** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan will host a coffee hour for constituents at 7 p.m. at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

• **Saturday, July 28** -- Belleville Community Band concert at 7:30 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. Free. Donations accepted to help support the band. (734) 699-6350

• **Sunday, July 29** – Free Sunday Music and Car Show, 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by Dave Holloway Karaoke. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824.

• **Monday, July 30** – Farmer's Market in the Fourth Street Square, 4-7:30 p.m. Also, car show on Main Street, 5-9 p.m.

• **Thursday, Aug. 2** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Today the live music is by The Raisin Pickers. Free.

• **Sunday, Aug. 5** – Free Sunday Music and Car Show, 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by Southern Xpress. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824.

• **Monday, Aug. 6** – Farmer's Market in the Fourth Street Square, 4-7:30 p.m. Also, car show on Main Street, 5-9 p.m.

• **Thursday, Aug. 9** – Rummage sale at Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive St., Romulus, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug. 9, 10, 11.

• **Thursday, Aug. 9** – Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-7 p.m., Van Buren Township Hall. Appointments can be made at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 800 REDCROSS.

• **Thursday, Aug. 9** – Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. Today the live music is by The Tequila Mockingbirds. Free.

• **Friday, Aug. 10** – Wayne County Got Talent show is at 6 p.m. at the Wayne County Fair on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township. Cash prizes. Winners selected in three categories. (734) 697-8609

## Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

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|           |         |        |
|-----------|---------|--------|
| 10/1/2024 | 245,000 | 92,475 |
| 10/1/2025 | 255,000 | 84,206 |
| 10/1/2026 | 265,000 | 75,600 |
| 10/1/2027 | 275,000 | 66,656 |
| 10/1/2028 | 285,000 | 57,375 |
| 10/1/2029 | 295,000 | 46,688 |
| 10/1/2030 | 305,000 | 35,625 |
| 10/1/2031 | 315,000 | 24,188 |
| 10/1/2032 | 330,000 | 12,375 |

### 2014 Tax Increment Revenue Bonds

|           | Principal | 2.00-3.75% Interest |
|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| 10/1/2018 | 110,000   | 73,813              |
| 10/1/2019 | 115,000   | 70,513              |
| 10/1/2020 | 120,000   | 67,063              |
| 10/1/2021 | 120,000   | 63,463              |
| 10/1/2022 | 125,000   | 59,863              |
| 10/1/2023 | 130,000   | 56,113              |
| 10/1/2024 | 135,000   | 52,213              |
| 10/1/2025 | 140,000   | 47,656              |
| 10/1/2026 | 145,000   | 42,931              |
| 10/1/2027 | 150,000   | 38,038              |
| 10/1/2028 | 155,000   | 32,413              |
| 10/1/2029 | 160,000   | 26,600              |
| 10/1/2030 | 165,000   | 20,600              |
| 10/1/2031 | 170,000   | 14,000              |
| 10/1/2032 | 180,000   | 7,200               |

### E. Initial assessed value

Base Value

| IFT | Prop tax   |
|-----|------------|
| -   | 25,103,784 |

### F. Captured value - 2016 tax year, received in 2017:

|             |   |             |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| Winter 2016 | - | 101,341,471 |
| Summer 2017 | - | 105,319,374 |

Captured value - Winter

Captured value - Summer

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| - | 76,237,687 |
| - | 80,215,590 |

### G. Tax increment revenues from 2016 tax year, received in 2017:\*

|                          | Mills             | Dollars   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| County                   | 6.6380            | 528,534   |
| Jail                     | 0.9381            | 71,519    |
| HCMA                     | 0.2146            | 16,361    |
| WCCC                     | 3.2408            | 247,071   |
| SET**                    | 6.0000            | -         |
| RESA 125**               | 3.4643            | -         |
|                          | 17.7822 (real) or |           |
|                          | 6.000 (personal)  | -         |
| School Oper 125**        | -                 | -         |
| Detroit Institute of Art | -                 | -         |
| Zoological Auth.         | -                 | -         |
| Township                 | 0.9144            | 69,712    |
| Public Safety            | 4.0000            | 304,951   |
| Library                  | 0.7000            | 53,366    |
| Parks                    | 0.2459            | 18,747    |
| Total                    |                   | 1,310,261 |

\* there may be a timing difference from item A.

\*\* captured amounts on school mills were limited



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 459 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.*

### Sunday, June 24:

0219 -- assist other dept., Oak Ln.  
0225 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Arthur St.  
0330 -- shooting, Lakeview Dr.  
0738 -- domestic, Morton Taylor Rd.  
0927 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.  
0956 -- felony assault, W. Adams  
1013 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
1211 -- noise complaint, Oak Ln.  
1231 -- juvenile complaint, Holly Ln.  
1310 -- follow up by officer, Belleville Rd.  
1411 -- animal complaint, Moms Dr.  
1445 -- malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.  
1507 -- animal complaint, Vernon St.  
1700 -- juvenile complaint, Freeport Ct.  
1816 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck  
2106 -- malicious destruction of property, Holly Ln.  
2134 -- noise complaint, Westlake Cir.  
2247 -- domestic, Oak Ln.

### Monday, June 25:

0104 -- property damage accident, Wildbrook Dr.  
0402 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Old Denton Rd.  
0631 -- 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
0754 -- welfare check, S. I-275/Ecorse Rd.  
0807 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Ayres  
0815 -- malicious destruction of property, Arthur  
1035 -- domestic, Lighthouse Dr.  
1107 -- threat, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1127 -- animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr.  
1153 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville  
1258 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Briarcliff Dr.  
1447 -- 911 welfare check, Jeremy Rd.  
1524 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1637 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1647 -- disorderly, Hamilton St.  
1936 -- traffic offense, Haggerty Rd.  
2034 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2055 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/Tyler  
2117 -- parking complaint, W. Huron River Dr.  
2127 -- felony assault, Revere Dr.  
2130 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Nautica Dr.  
2137 -- parking complaint, Hayes St./Van Buren  
2203 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2231 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hamilton St.

### Tuesday, June 26:

0642 -- warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.  
0737 -- parking complaint, Oak Ln.  
0740 -- parking complaint, Ecorse Rd./Marlowe  
0958 -- malicious destruction of property, Haggerty Rd.  
1021 -- ordinance violation, Beacon Trl.  
1058 -- abandoned auto, Tyler/I-275  
1152 -- traffic offense, Belleville Rd.  
1203 -- miscellaneous complaint, Parkwood  
1216 -- assist other dept., Bog Rd.  
1533 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lacy Dr.  
1601 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Brandi Dr.  
1703 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville/Tyler  
1737 -- assist fire dept., Anna Dr.  
1745 -- private property/property damage accident, Oak Ln.  
1932 -- abandoned auto, Anna Dr.  
2120 -- larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
2144 -- 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.  
2242 -- fireworks, Oak Blvd./Loehr Rd.  
2330 -- domestic, Lighthouse Dr.  
2356 -- domestic, Ashbury Dr.

### Wednesday, June 27:

0022 -- warrant arrest, Sumpter Rd.  
0909 -- animal complaint, Riggs Rd.  
1117 -- larceny, America  
1133 -- property damage accident, Belleville  
1417 -- parking complaint, Belleville  
1650 -- follow up by officer, Fret Rd.  
1700 -- traffic offense, Western St.  
2018 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
2050 -- property check, Riggs Park  
2133 -- neighbor trouble, Lake Point Pass  
2246 -- noise complaint, Wheeler St.  
2359 -- malicious destruction of property, Oak Blvd.  
**Thursday, June 28:**  
0113 -- property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.

0846 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Springfield Blvd.  
0918 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Edison Lk.  
1046 -- ordinance violation, Denton Rd.  
1300 -- private property impound, Van Born  
1403 -- breaking & entering, S. Purple Sage Ct.  
1503 -- malicious destruction of property, S. Woodbury Dr.  
1527 -- animal complaint, Belleville/WB I-94  
1601 -- suicidal person, Assembly St.  
1633 -- animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1812 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1909 -- animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1934 -- family trouble, Fret Rd.  
1947 -- retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.  
2057 -- warrant arrest, Loza Ln.  
2112 -- fraud, Tyler Rd.  
2141 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.  
2148 -- parking complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.  
2242 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln. / Wilson Ave.  
2300 -- domestic, Lancaster Dr.  
2356 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sylvia Dr.

### Friday, June 29:

0033 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.  
0051 -- harassment call, Independence Ln.  
0320 -- property check, Riggs Park  
0338 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park  
0529 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove St.  
1017 -- assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1053 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Beck/Ecorse  
1219 -- disorderly, Huron River Dr.  
1244 -- fraud, W. Sadie Ln.  
1249 -- animal complaint, Sadie Ln.  
1302 -- assist other dept., Samuel Barton Dr.  
1329 -- 911 welfare check, Buchanan St.  
1413 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lancaster Dr.  
1503 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1516 -- disorderly, Alden Dr.  
1654 -- breaking & entering, W. Archwood Dr.  
1745 -- property damage accident, S. I-94 Service  
1803 -- breaking & entering, W. Archwood Dr.  
1820 -- personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2052 -- larceny, Belleville Rd.  
2133 -- ordinance violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2133 -- juvenile complaint, Pine Dr.  
2255 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.  
2303 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.

### Saturday, June 30:

0020 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0026 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville rd.  
0036 -- breaking & entering, Edison Lake  
0120 -- property damage accident, Pond Bluff Dr.  
0125 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Daisy Blvd.  
0201 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
0308 -- found property/child, Lincoln St.  
0321 -- suspicious person/vehicle, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.  
0422 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.  
0456 -- operating while intoxicated, Westlake Cir. / Belleville Rd.  
0820 -- personal injury accident, Belleville/N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1303 -- assault & battery, Pine Dr.  
1322 -- threat, Locust Dr.  
1420 -- assault & battery, Westlake Cir.  
1529 -- animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1707 -- fireworks, Bayshore Dr./Denton Rd.  
1754 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1906 -- assist other dept., Belleville  
1940 -- property damage accident, Edison Lk.  
2025 -- ordinance violation, Cobblestone  
2141 -- parking complaint, Beck/McBride  
2140 -- property damage accident, S. I-94 Service  
2200 -- noise complaint, Camden Rd.  
2208 -- fireworks, Crowley/Morton Taylor  
2220 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Brandi Dr.  
Also on this week's log are 166 traffic stops, 33 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

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## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, June 24:

0128 -- parking complaint, Main St.  
0250 -- ordinance violation, Main St.  
1126 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1637 -- disorderly, Main St.  
1644 -- ordinance violation, Sumpter Rd.  
2152 -- warrant arrest, I-275/Sibley  
2326 -- assist fire dept., W. Thornhill Ct.  
**Monday, June 25:**  
0340 -- noise complaint, N. Liberty St.  
0511 -- abandoned auto, Main St.  
1249 -- assist other dept., Main St.  
1551 -- lost property/child, Main St.  
2243 -- fraud, Main St.  
**Tuesday, June 26:**  
0106 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Horizon Park  
0130 -- suspicious person/vehicle, SOS  
0628 -- assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.  
1220 -- assault & battery, N. Biggs Ave.  
1434 -- civil matter, Carmell St.  
1714 -- welfare check, Estrada  
1835 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Wexford Ave.  
1833 -- civil matter, Carmell St.  
1935 -- assist fire dept., Charles Ct.

### Wednesday, June 27:

0458 -- warrant arrest, Main St.  
1236 -- welfare check, Carmell St.  
1538 -- animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1809 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
2141 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hillside Cemetery  
**Thursday, June 28:**  
0732 -- intrusion alarm, N. Liberty St.  
0915 -- animal complaint, Church St.  
1004 -- court detail, 34th District Court  
1012 -- assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.  
1611 -- warrant arrest, S. Huron St./WB I-94  
1858 -- warrant arrest, Hogback Rd.  
2043 -- follow up by officer, Main St.

### Friday, June 29:

0003 -- noise complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0431 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
0505 -- abandoned auto, Third  
1021 -- domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1226 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont Ave. / E. Huron River Dr.  
1802 -- fraud, Parkwood  
1827 -- fraud, Parkwood  
2123 -- assist fire dept., Edison Ave.  
2153 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Village Park  
2204 -- assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.  
2253 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Light Tower Dr.

### Saturday, June 30:

0340 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Church of God  
1611 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.  
1805 -- miscellaneous complaint, S. Edgemont Ave. / Robbe St.  
2106 -- parking complaint, municipal parking lot / High  
2217 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.  
Also on this week's log are 49 traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, June 24:

0049 -- noise complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0113 -- noise complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville  
0649 -- larceny, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0744 -- assist other agency, Haggerty/Oakville Waltz  
1120 -- animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1301 -- fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.  
1649 -- threats complaint, 24000 bl. Carleton West  
1727 -- alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2133 -- threats complaint, 24000 bl. Carleton West  
2201 -- mental health commitment, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
2312 -- family trouble, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.  
**Monday, June 25:**  
0003 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township  
0628 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0725 -- civil dispute, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0853 -- animal complaint, Fenster/Traskos  
0931 -- malicious destruction of property, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1417 -- animal complaint, Willis/Elwell  
1451 -- threats complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1618 -- property damage accident, Sumpter / Willow  
2047 -- ORV complaint, Wear/Clark  
2324 -- fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
**Tuesday, June 26:**  
0001 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township  
0603 -- suspicious person, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.  
0919 -- suspicious vehicle, 26000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
0955 -- threats complaint, Carriage Ln.  
1055 -- fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1311 -- 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1504 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1837 -- alarm, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
2050 -- civil dispute, 45000 bl. Bontekoe  
2339 -- warrant arrest pick up, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
**Wednesday, June 27:**  
0038 -- juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.  
0211 -- alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0222 -- animal complaint, Judd/Haggerty  
1109 -- well-being check, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1458 -- reckless driver, Sumpter/Kozma  
1501 -- civil dispute, Hampshire  
1559 -- neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1817 -- 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1949 -- animal complaint, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2108 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bontekoe  
2146 -- warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Sumpter.  
2353 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.  
**Thursday, June 28:**  
0359 -- assist other agency, out of township  
0511 -- trespassing complaint, 17000 bl. Savage  
0544 -- abandoned vehicle, Oakville Waltz / Rawsonville  
1230 -- 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1310 -- animal complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1339 -- traffic hazard, Judd/Martinsville  
1405 -- warrant arrest pick up, Second St.  
1538 -- mental health commitment, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1742 -- civil dispute, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1958 -- alarm, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
2141 -- well-being check, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

### Friday, June 29:

0345 -- reckless driver, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1151 -- suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1309 -- larceny, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1457 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1551 -- runaway juvenile, 9400 bl. Rawsonville  
1619 -- animal complaint, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1630 -- reckless driver, Carriage Ln.  
1653 -- traffic hazard, Savage/Bemis  
1826 -- civil dispute, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1851 -- juvenile complaint, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1943 -- civil dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2104 -- trespassing complaint, 51000 bl. Willis  
2204 -- disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2213 -- fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2310 -- suspicious person, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.

### Saturday, June 30:

0038 -- suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Savage Rdd.  
0423 -- family trouble, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0520 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
0841 -- fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1037 -- 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1114 -- suspicious vehicle, Rawsonville/Arkona  
1351 -- reckless driver, Sumpter/Bemis  
1355 -- 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1442 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township  
1444 -- disorderly person, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1514 -- animal complaint, Karr/Judd  
1528 -- property damage accident, Judd/Elwell  
1841 -- 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1845 -- fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.  
2103 -- shots fired, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
2230 -- noise complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

Also on this week's log are 16 follow-up investigations, 18 miscellaneous details, 56 patrol checks, and 46 traffic stops.

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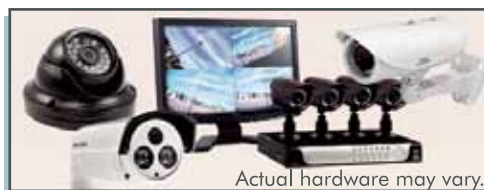


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## Sumpter Twp.

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marijuana and why he is opposed to that. "I would hate to see the drug cartel running Sumpter Township," Ban said;

• Heard Sharon Pokerwinski complain about how the DPW has ruined the eaves of the Parks & Recreation building at Graham Park by running over the troughs while cutting grass and making gouges in the wood. She said they need to weed whack so the Graham Park pavilion looks decent for Family Fun Day. Pokerwinski also said she contacted the Board of Elections and people running for office can have signs on their cars but they can't park them in the township parking lot. She pointed out Trustee Oddy is not running for office, but Treasurer Morgan is running for office. She said a man came to the township recently because he was asked to take a trailer off his property, when she counted 13 pieces of other property with junky trailers on them. She said everyone should be treated equally;

• Heard Trustee Barnes interrupt Pokerwinski's statements, by saying she remembers Pokerwinski said Barnes shouldn't have voted on the marijuana law question because she was involved with growing marijuana. "I'm a caregiver. ... I didn't ask to be on the committee. Mr. Morgan assigned me to the committee." She said she called Young to find out if it was proper for her to be on the committee

and to be a trustee while being a caregiver and Young said it was OK. She said it was Supervisor Morgan who suggested she become a grower. She said she has a 90-year-old mother who was given medicine and almost died. Now she makes her mother marijuana butter and she gets the best sleep she's ever had. She said Trustee Oddy was made chairman of the marijuana committee after Supervisor Morgan attended the first meeting and no others. Oddy gave her an assignment and. "I wanted to do a very good, fact-finding job," she said. "I spent money because people don't want to give the information for nothing." She continued, "I apologize, if you thought I should abstain. I did a good job. The police chief said it would cost too much money to opt in and then he got a \$12,000 raise and hired two police officers. I'm not trying to be in the industry."

Pokerwinski said, "To me, this is all political," and the meeting adjourned.

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### DOG/CAT PACKAGES

**#1**  
**\$49**

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper
- Rabies 1 Yr.

**#2**  
**\$69**

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper
- Bordetella
- Rabies 1 Yr.

**#3**  
**\$149**

- Exam • Distemper
- Bordetella • Fecal
- Rabies 1 Yr. • Leukemia
- Feline Aids/Leuk. Combo

### CAT PACKAGES

**#4**  
**\$99**

- Exam • Distemper
- Feline Aids/Leukemia Test
- Fecal • Deworming

**#5**  
**\$89**

- Exam • Distemper
- Bordetella
- Rabies 1 Yr.
- Fecal

**DECLAW**  
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**\$159**

**4 PAW**  
**\$209**

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### DOG PACKAGES

**#3**  
**\$109**

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper
- Rabies 1 Yr. • Lepto
- Bordetella • Fecal
- Heartworm Test

**#4**  
**\$49**

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper
- Bordetella
- (Kennel Cough)

**#5**  
**\$99**

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper
- Bordetella • Heartworm Test
- Rabies 1 Yr.

**#6**  
**\$89**

- Wellness Exam
- Distemper • Lepto
- Bordetella
- Rabies 1 Yr.

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### HEARTWORM TEST

**\$19**

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**\$10**

W/purchase of 1 Year Heartworm Pre-ventative Purchase  
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